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SUBJECT:PRESIDENT PEREIRA AND ANGOLA

REF: YAOUNDE 1445

FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS FOR YOUR USE WITH PRESIDENT
PEREIRA RE PEREIRA'S SUGGESTION THAT HE ACT AS CHANNEL
BETWEEN USG AND ANGOLA:

-- WE APPRECIATE PEREIRA'S OFFER TO ACT AS CHANNEL BE-
TWEEN USG AND ANGOLA.

-- WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ALL AFRICAN
COUNTRIES INCLUDING ANGOLA.

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-- HOWEVER, THERE IS MUCH CONCERN IN THE U.S. OVER THE
MASSIVE CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. INSTEAD OF
BEING REDUCED, THE CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN ANGOLA HAS IN
FACT INCREASED OVER THE PAST YEAR. UNDER THE PRESENT CIR-
CUMSTANCES, WE DO NOT FIND IT POSSIBLE TO NORMALIZE OUR
RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA.

-- IN CONTACTS WITH ANGOLAN OFFICIALS IN RECENT MONTHS, WE
HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR CONCERN AND WHY WE CANNOT NORMALIZE
RELATIONS AT PRESENT.

-- THUS WE HAVE NO MESSAGE AT THIS TIME FOR PEREIRA TO
PASS ON TO ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE
VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR ANY THOUGHTS PEREIRA MAY HAVE ABOUT
HOW A REDUCTION OF CUBAN FORCES IN ANGOLA MIGHT BE EN-
COURAGED.

-- WE HOPE TO MAINTAIN AN ONGOING EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH
PEREIRA ON THE QUESTION OF ANGOLA.

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